

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: VARTEC TELECOM, INC.	<div>DOCKET NOS. TCU-01-21 TF-02-418</div> <hr/> <div>CERTIFICATE NO. 0255</div>
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CERTIFICATE

(Issued August 15, 2002)

On December 18, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order granting an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), to VarTec Telecom, Inc. (VarTec). In the order, the Board approved the concurrence of VarTec in certain exchange maps of Qwest Corporation (Qwest), and stated that VarTec would be issued a certificate when it had given notice to all affected local exchange carriers and had obtained an approved tariff on file with the Board.

On July 10, 2002, VarTec filed a proposed tariff that contained the terms, conditions, and rates for its local exchange service. The proposed tariff has been identified as Docket No. TF-02-418. An order approving the proposed tariff and issuing a certificate is being issued concurrently with this certificate. Since VarTec will have an approved tariff to provide local exchange service, the Board will issue

Certificate No. 0255, authorizing VarTec to provide local exchange service in the listed Qwest exchanges.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

This certificate of public convenience and necessity, issued pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29(1) (2001), authorizes VarTec Telecom, Inc., to furnish local telephone service in the exchanges as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of August, 2002.